## **RESOLUTION R-027-19**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE SOLE COMMISSIONER OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA TO IDENTIFY AND APPOINT A COUNTY ATTORNEY RESPONSIBLE FOR WALKER COUNTY LEGAL MATTERS AND SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Georgia, approved by the voters of the State in November of 1982, and effective July 1, 1983, provides in Article IX, Section II, Paragraph I thereof that the governing authority of the County may adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sole Commissioner of Walker County is the county governing authority of Walker County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Sole Commissioner of Walker County utilized the professional services of former County Attorney J. Matthew Williamson, Esq., until November 4, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sole Commissioner of Walker County subsequently appointed David Gottlieb, Esq., to serve as County Attorney on November 5, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Sole Commissioner of Walker County wishes to identify and appoint the legal representative responsible for Walker County legal matters in a manner that recognizes the need to ensure that the County's legal matters are handled competently and to ensure that the costs of legal representation are managed appropriately;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia as follows:

- 1. Any matters that originate prior to the appointment of David Gottlieb, Esq., to serve as County Attorney shall be handled as follows:
  - a. The Sole Commissioner or his designee shall communicate with former County Attorney J. Matthew Williamson, Esq., regarding any legal matters in which representation should be transferred to David Gottlieb.
  - b. J. Matthew Williamson, Esq., may transfer representation of the County to David Gottlieb, Esq., in any pending case or other legal matter.
  - c. Upon transfer of legal representation, J. Matthew Williamson, Esq., shall make any court filing necessary in any pending litigation to effect the transfer, and shall inform any parties to litigation or parties concerned in any ongoing legal matter of the transfer of representation.

- 2. David Gottlieb, Esq., who in his capacity as County Attorney, may be served at 101 South Duke Street, LaFayette, Georgia 30728.
- 3. To the extent any previous Resolution of the Sole Commissioner of Walker County conflicts with the directives contained herein, this Resolution shall govern and control.

**SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this 14th day of November, 2019.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Sole Commissioner